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FOR EA HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY TOWARD JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 16902

1. IN RETROSPECT, PERHAPS THE EMBASSY DID NOT MAKE A SUFFICIENTLY STRONG CASE WHEN FIRST APPRISED THAT THE NATIONAL DISCLOSURE CRITERIA FOR JAPAN AFFECTING DATA PERTINENT TO MILITARY PROCUREMENT AS WELL AS OPERATIONAL INFORMATION WERE BEING REEVALUATED. FRANKLY IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF TREATING JAPAN AS AN ALLY ON THE SAME PARTNERSHIP BASIS ON WHICH WE DEAL CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH NATO WOULD NOT BE SO GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS TO ASSURE VIRTUALLY AUTOMATIC APPROVAL FOR UPGRADING THE DISCLOSURE RULES.

2. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I FULLY SUBSCRIBE TO THE ARGUMENTATION IN THE REFERENCE TELEGRAM AND HOPE THAT THE APPEAL DOD/ISA AND STATE ARE FILING WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

IT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME TO ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE THE JAPANESE IN A CLOSER SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, AS SIGNIFIED BY OUR WORK IN THE NEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE COOPERATION AND OUR PLANS TO RENEW CONSULTATION IN THE SSC, IF WE CONTINUE TO INDICATE IN OUR DAY-TO-DAY RELATIONS THAT SOME CLOSE ALLIES ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS. SURELY WE ARE BETTER OFF HAVING THE JAPANESE INTIMATELY TIED TO US THROUGH DEPENDENCE ON TECHNOLOGY THAN ENCOURAGING THEM TO MOVE OUT ON THEIR OWN. AND I AM CONVINCED THAT THEY WILL RELUCTANTLY TAKE THE LATTER COURSE RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN REPEATED, OFTEN FRUSTRATING, AND SOMETIMES HUMILIATING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT WE SHOULD FIND IN OUR MUTUAL SECURITY INTEREST TO SHARE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

- 3. I HOPE YOU WILL DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT LAST WEEK'S VOTE IS REVERSED.
- 4. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO SECDEF AND CINCPAC.

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